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PYONGYANG (KCNA)—The 2nd Session of the 4th Supreme People's Assembly was held in Pyongyang from Apr. 25 to 27 in the presence of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

The meeting opened amid the surging political enthusiasm and vigorous labour struggle of our people who are raising higher the flames of the great revolutionary upsurge on all fronts of economic construction and defence upbuilding to expedite socialist construction, positively assist the South Korean revolution and actively meet the great event of the unification of the fatherland, holding high the resolutions of the historic Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea and the great 10-point Political Programme put forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung, and under the circumstances in which all forms of the revolutionary struggles of the South Korean people for wiping out the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, their stooges, and achieving the independent unification of the fatherland are further gaining in scope and strength.

The meeting was attended by Deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly and by functionaries of the Party and Government organs and public organizations and a large number of workers in the domains of economy, science, education, culture, public health and arts as observers.

Invited to the meeting were diplomatic representatives of foreign countries in our country.

Hung respectfully at the back of the platform was a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious, iron-willed genius-commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist movement and working-class movement, who has been unswervingly leading our revolution along the one road of victory for 40 odd years pulling through in person all storms, taking upon himself the destiny of the fatherland and the nation since he started his revolutionary activities in his early years.

Towering high on the background was a model of Mt. Paikdoo, symbolizing the brilliant revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, the source of the ever-victorious might of our Party and people, which our people should inherit generation after generation and hanging spread there was a flag of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our glorious fatherland, which sprang from their root and which fine sons and daughters of our people defended at the cost of their blood during the great Patriotic War of Liberation.

The entire Deputies and attendants of the meeting, gathered to discuss this year's state budget which will firmly guarantee financially the great revolutionary upsurge for further increasing the political, economic and military might of the country were filled with boundless reverence for, trust in and ardent feelings of loyalty to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, who always leads our people to victory and glory, happiness and prosperity, high honour of being his revolutionary soldiers, high national pride and revolutionary confidence as the masters of the mighty socialist fatherland prospering and developing under the wise leadership of the sagacious Leader and with the firm determination and revolutionary stamina to unify the fatherland and bring the great revolutionary ideas of the Leader into bloom in the 3,000-*ri* land of the North and South without fail in our generation.

When the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, appeared on the platform at 4 in the afternoon, the entire attendents rose from their

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The platform party of the 2nd Session of the 4th Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK held in Pyongyang from Apr. 25 to 27 in the presence of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader

Marshal KIM IL SUNG Cites Teachers Of Higher Cadres School of Public Security on Its 20th Birthday

From a Certain Spot, Apr. 29 (KCNA)—Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, cited teachers of the Higher Cadres School of the Public Security Ministry who had set examples in fulfilling their duties in the work of rearing national cadres by displaying all wisdom and creativeness, upholding the education policy of the WPK.

A ceremony for conveying the citations and gifts of Comrade Kim Il Sung was held on Apr. 29 on the spot.

Amid the welcome music, Comrade Suk San conveyed the citations and gifts of Comrade Kim Il Sung to comrades Paik Rak Bok and Li Jai Chul who had distinguished themselves in fulfilling their duties in the work of rearing national cadres by displaying all wisdom and creativeness, upholding the education policy of the WPK.

Then, after the reading of decrees of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK, Comrade Suk San awarded orders and medals of the Republic to 719 comrades who devoted themselves to developing the school education work and rendered distinguished services to the work of rearing able cadres boundlessly faithful to the Party and the Leader.

The entire attendants overwhelmed with emotion over the warm solicitude shown by the respected and beloved Leader, firmly resolved to educate and rear the public security workers and servicemen of the garrison as revolutionary soldiers boundlessly faithful to the Party and the Leader by continuously arming themselves firmly with the revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the unitary ideology of the Party, and revolutionizing themselves and thoroughly establishing *Juche* in the education work.

Puppet "International Telegraph, Telephone Office" in Seoul Showered with Hand-Grenades

The "International Telegraph and Telephone Office" and other important puppet organs in the heart of Seoul were thrown into a terrible commotion on the night of Apr. 30 by the shower of hand-grenades and the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi clique, their stooges, are struck with extreme fear, according to a report from Seoul.

At around 9:30 that night, persons armed with hand-grenades appeared in Sejong-ro and other places near the lair of traitor Pak Jung Hi and under the very nose of the puppet "government building" and attacked simultaneously the "International Telegraph and Telephone Office" and other important puppet organs, throwing hand-grenades, and then disappeared.

The building and inside establishments of the "International Telegraph and Telephone Office" were damaged and the international communications of the Pak Jung Hi clique were completely paralyzed for some time.

This was a patriotic struggle of the South Korean people who have risen up more energetically for smashing the U.S. imperialist occupationists and their stooges Pak Jung Hi traitors, holding high the banner of anti-U.S., anti-puppet.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who were showered by fire in the heart of Seoul were struck with extreme fear and held emergency meetings at the "Chunghwadai" and the puppet Defence Ministry and kicked up the racket of proclaiming "No. 1 emergency alert order" in major cities of South Korea and issuing an "emergency alert order" to the puppet troops stationed in Seoul and Kyonggi Province.

Great Revolutionary Banner of Restoration of Fatherland

— On 32nd Birthday of Association for Restoration of Fatherland —

On May 5, Korean citizens in Japan, together with the people of the homeland, greeted the significant 32nd birthday of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland which was founded personally by Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people.

In the flame of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland, the first anti-Japanese united national front body in our country, was founded on May 5, 1936 in person by the great Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung.

This was a great epoch-making event in the development of the anti-Japanese national liberation movement of the Korean people.

The situation and the balance of forces between all the classes in the middle of the 1930's in Korea urgently demanded an anti-Japanese united national front.

Busying themselves in preparing for an aggressive war on the continent at that time, the Japanese imperialists made the situation of the Korean people more and more difficult in all domains of politics, economy and culture.

On the basis of the precious exploits and experiences which were gained through the anti-Japanese armed struggle in the first half of the 1930's, Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, set forth the line of developing the anti-Japanese united front movement and of promoting organizational and ideological preparations for the founding of a Marxist-Leninist party through a scientific analysis of the situation created in those days. Underlying this line were the principle of Marxism-Leninism, the idea of *Juche*, thorough-going revolutionary anti-imperialism and a revolutionary spirit of self-reliance for the fulfilment of the Korean revolution by uniting all the anti-Japanese forces and firmly consolidating its main forces.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, stressed the work of forming the anti-Japanese united national front aimed to unite closely the revolutionary people from the start of his revolutionary activities, regarding it as an important component of the strategy and tactics of the Korean revolution and waged unyielding struggles for it, overcoming all sorts of difficulties.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, working out the 10-point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland (oil painting)

He organized various types of mass bodies, including the "Anti-Imperialist Union," "Peasants' Association" and "Revolutionary Association for Mutual Aid," to found anti-Japanese armed units and to expand its mass foundations. Besides, through his sharp struggle against the Right and "Left" opportunists who had done injury to the united front movement and through his work with all anti-Japanese masses, Marshal Kim Il Sung accumulated rich experience in the work of the anti-Japanese united front.

The great Leader Marshal Kim Il Sung declared the historic founding of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland at the Tungkiang Meeting held in May, 1936 on the basis of these preparations for a broad anti-Japanese united national front.

The meeting elected Marshal Kim Il Sung as President of the Association and announced the historic 10-point Programme and also decided to publish an organ, the "March 1 Monthly."

By founding the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland, the anti-Japanese united national front movement in our country could make rapid progress in a more organized way, systematically and on a nation-wide scale, closely by combined with the anti-Japanese armed struggle and preparations for the founding of a Marxist-Leninist party.

The 10-point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland spelled out by Marshal Kim Il Sung, clearly indicated to the Korean people the object of struggle and the methods for its implementation and became the banner of struggle to raise higher the flames of anti-Japanese struggle among broad sections of the people.

Defining the Korean revolution as anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic in nature, Marshal Kim Il Sung said in the 10-point Programme that the most immediate task of the Korean people was to overthrow the Japanese imperialist rule and to fulfil the national liberation.

This Programme, indeed, was the only programme for the struggle of the Korean people started from the viewpoint of the vital interests of the working masses and the national interests of the people common to people in all walks of life and was the first revolutionary Marxist-Leninist programme of the Korean people.

Owing to the great influence of the 10-point Programme of the Association and activities of the Korean Communists, the organizations of the Association developed at a rapid pace with a consistent system in every area of our country and in the vast areas of East, South and North Manchuria. Several tens of thousands of anti-Japanese people in all walks of life, including workers, peasants, students and youths as well as nationalists, national capitalists and patriotic religious men, rallied around the organization.

The Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland also brought boundless hope and courage to the Korean compatriots in Japan who had been undergoing all kinds of national contempt as people without a country.

Indeed, **"The Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland played a great role in explaining the aim and task of our national-liberation struggle to the broad masses of the people and in mobilizing and rallying all the patriotic forces of Korea under the banner of the joint struggle for the liberation of the fatherland."**

(Kim Il Sung)

In the darkest days of the Japanese imperialist rule, the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland dealt a severe blow to the Japanese imperialist aggressors and hasten their defeat by uniting broad anti-Japanese forces on the basis of the worker-peasant alliance under the leadership of the working class.

The immortal revolutionary exploits of and valuable experience gained by the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland under the excellent leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung and thanks to his idea of *Juche* became an important foundation for the development of the Korean revolution after the Liberation.

Thanks to the brilliant revolutionary traditions including the gains and experience of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland which were established in the era of the anti-Japanese armed struggle under the personal leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the Workers' Party of Korea was founded in a complex situation immediately after the Liberation and it set forth clear-cut struggle lines before the Korean people, and the Korean people succeeded in establishing the revolutionary democratic base in the northern half of the Republic and repulsed the U.S. imperialist armed invasion in the great Patriotic War of Liberation and could attained the great successes we see today, in the revolution and construction after the war by mobilizing all the people.

Today, reviewing the immortal achievements of the Association with great national pride, Korean citizens in Japan rallied rock-firm around Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working class movements, are vigorously advancing toward victory in promoting the fulfilment of the independent national unification of the fatherland and in defending all their democratic, national rights.

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seats as one and warmly welcomed him, the sun of the nation, with stormy applause that shook the meeting hall.

Also mounting the platform were comrades Choi Yong Kun, Kim Il, Choi Hyun, Pak Sung Chul, Kim Chang Bong, Nam Il, Li Jong Ok, Pak Jung Ai, Kim Ik Sun, Li Yung Ho, Suk San, Huh Bong Hak, Kim Yung Joo, Li Kook Jin, Choi Yong Jin, Chung Joon Taik, Choi Kwang, Oh Jin Woo, Han Sang Doo, Hyun Moo Kwang and Kim Dong Kyoo.

Vice-Presidents of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, Ministers of the Cabinet and Members of the Presidium of the SPA were also in the platform party.

The Chairman and vice-Chairmen of the SPA took the chair.

Following the opening address by Chairman Paik Nam Woon, the following agenda was adopted:

On the results of the fulfilment of the 1967 state budget and on the 1968 state budget of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (submitted by the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea).

Comrade Yoon Ki Bok, Minister of Finance, delivered a report (**See on page 3**) on this agenda.

Then Deputy Rim Kye Chul, Chairman of the Budgetary Committee of the SPA, made a report on the result of the examination of the results of the fulfilment of last year's state budget and the state budget for this year by the Budgetary Committee of the SPA.

Declaring that the financial foundation of the country has been further consolidated thanks to the surging political zeal and creative labour struggle of the working people who effected a great revolutionary upsurge in socialist construction, holding aloft the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, the reporter said the Budgetary Committee of the SPA unanimously admitted that the 1967 state budget had satisfactorily guaranteed funds necessary for implementing the resolutions of the Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea and effecting a great revolutionary upsurge.

He proposed to the session to endorse in their original forms the results of the fulfilment of the state budget for 1967 and the 1968 state budget.

The session closed on Apr. 27 after successfully discussing the agenda.

The session adopted with unanimous approval a decision endorsing the results of the fulfilment of the 1967 state budget of the DPRK and the law on the 1968 state budget of the DPRK.

Paik Nam Woon, Chairman of the SPA, made a closing address on Apr. 27.

The 2nd Session of the 4th SPA that lasted three days demonstrated once again the validity and might of the great ideas of *Juche* put forward by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, and the revolutionary line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence, in which they are embodied, and the superiority of the socialist system of our country.

Report of Finance Minister on Results of Fulfilment of 1967 State Budget and on 1968 State Budget

PYONGYANG, Apr. 25 (KCNA)—The budgetary expenditure this year will grow 33 per cent above last year and 1,617,330,000 won, or 30.9 per cent of the total budgetary outlay, has been earmarked for national defence, declared Yoon Ki Bok, Minister of Finance, at the 2nd Session of the 4th Supreme People's Assembly that opened here today.

He submitted for examination by the session of the results of the fulfilment of the 1967 state budget and the 1968 state budget which firmly guaranteed and will guarantee financially the work of accelerating economic construction and defence upbuilding and preparing a solid material foundation for the unification of the fatherland while maintaining a high rate of development of the people's economy.

Reporting on the results of the fulfilment of the 1967 state budget, he said:

Nineteen sixtyseven was a significant year in which our people made another long stride in the revolutionary struggle and socialist construction along the road indicated by the Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea, raising ever higher the great revolutionary banner of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence.

Last year was brilliantly recorded in the annals of the fatherland as the year when the great 10-point Political Programme of Comrade Kim Il Sung brightly illumining the road of the victory of our revolution saw the light and our people's absolute trust in the Party, Government and the respected and beloved Leader and the rock-firm unity and solidarity of the entire people were demonstrated once again to the world.

In particular, our people achieved enormous successes in the struggle for implementing the Party's line on carrying on economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel by effecting a new, great revolutionary upsurge.

In his report at the Conference of the Party, Comrade Kim Il Sung taught us:

"It is of paramount importance in our revolutionary struggle and construction work today to reorganize the whole work of socialist construction in line with the requirements of the prevailing situation and, more specifically, to carry on the building of the economy and defences in parallel so as to increase our defence capabilities in the light of the enemy's aggressive schemes."

It is, needless to say, not easy to powerfully press ahead with vast-scale defence upbuilding in parallel with socialist economic construction, while continuously pushing on the latter.

The reporter said that Comrade Kim Il Sung once again powerfully called the entire working people to the grand Chullima march, appealing to them to bring about a new, great revolutionary upsurge on all fronts of socialist construction for carrying through the strategic line of the Party on stepping up economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, and thus last year witnessed the great success of boosting the gross industrial output value 17 per cent above the previous year, besides completely recovering from flood damages.

The Finance Minister went on:

These brilliant successes roundly smashed the wrong view that the rate of progress cannot be enhanced when the economy has developed and its scale expanded and clearly showed that if we actively tap and mobilize the reserves by giving the precedence to the political work and successfully conducting the organizational work, we can make continuous innovation and uninterrupted advance while maintaining the unusually high rate of growth of production, no matter how largely the scale of the economy may expand.

The state budget of last year was successfully fulfilled amid the new, great revolutionary upsurge effected by our working people under the leadership of the Party and the respected and beloved Leader.

The state budgetary revenue last year ran into 4,106,630,000 won, or 4 per cent above the plan and a sharp rise of 12 per cent up on the 1966 figure.

The state budgetary expenditure was 3,948,230,000 won, or 99.6 per cent of the plan and 11 per cent over and above the 1966 figure.

Thus, in the fulfilment of last year's state budget, revenue surpassed expenditure by 158,400,000 won after fully satisfying all the demands for funds.

Along the strategic line of the Party on carrying on economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, the investments in capital construction in the people's economy last year moved ahead to 123 per cent as against 1966, with the result that economic construction was pressed ahead energetically and that the independent foundation of the national economy was strengthened still more.

Then the reporter reviewed the enormous achievements made in industry.

Last year, amid the new, great upsurge effected by the working class, a large number of modern, large-scale factories were built by our own design, with our own equipment and by our own efforts and existing factories were reconstructed or expanded with new technique and, as a result, the foundation of the versatilely developed independent national economy was consolidated all the more. This was a shining success made in the struggle for pushing through the Party's line on developing economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel. This success is the fruition of the outstanding leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, he said.

The reporter continued:

In accordance with the "Theses on the Socialist Agrarian Question in Our Country" by Comrade Kim Il Sung, our Party and Government increased last year the investments in capital construction in agriculture by 30 per cent above 1966 and rendered continuously powerful state assistance to the co-operative farms which rose up for the increased production of grain.

During the first half of last year alone, a vast water pumping capacity tantamount to one-quarter of the total water pumping capacity of our country created in 13 years following the war was newly brought into being at 3,190 objects, which made it possible to completely free more than 60,000 hectares of paddy and non-paddy fields from damages by standing water and reap high and safe harvest at all times.

With the deepening of the Chungsan-*ri* spirit and Chungsan-*ri* method in the guidance to rural economy and the all-out display of the advantages of the Sub-Work Team Management System, a radical change was effected in the management of the cooperative farms and the political and labour enthusiasm of the peasants surged immensely.

Last year saw the miracle of a 16 per cent gain over 1966 in grain harvest, taking the country as a whole, despite the damages of flood that hit Pyongyang and South Pyungan Province and some other areas.

While further expanding the successes in economic construction, a great effort was exerted last year, too, to push ahead with defence upbuilding in parallel with it in view of the tense situation created in our country, the reporter said.

Recalling that huge fund amounting to 30.4 per cent of the total state budgetary expenditure was disbursed as national defence expenses, the reporter continued:

Thus a mighty defence system of the entire people and the whole country with the heroic People's Army, revolutionary armed forces, each man being a match for a hundred foes, as its core, has been established, with the result that full preparations have been made for crushing the U.S. imperialist aggressors at one stroke if they dare pounce upon us.

All these successes made in the field of defence upbuilding are a brilliant victory brought about by the line of carrying on economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, which was put forth already several years ago by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, with a keen insight into the trend of the situation and prospects of the development of our revolution, and has been consistently adhered to and energetically implemented by our Party, and a great victory of the military line of our Party based on the revolutionary principle of self-defence with the training of the whole army into a cadre army, the modernization of the whole army, the placing of the entire people under arms and the conversion of the whole country into a fortress as its basis.

The reporter said that last year the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic, while ensuring both the high tempo of expanded reproduction and the strengthening of the defence capacity, disbursed 12 per cent more social and cultural expenses than in 1966 to satisfactorily meet the growing demands of the people's living and made 40 per cent more investments in housing construction than in 1966, thus further improving the housing conditions in town and countryside.

With the enforcement of the nine-year universal compulsory technical education requiring huge financial burdens of the State upholding the far-reaching idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung on bringing up in a better way the successors to our revolution, the rising generations, without exception, have been able to receive sufficient general education and basic technical education free of charge at regular schools till the working age, and it has become possible to bring up more excellently the young generation into reliable pillars of socialist and communist construction, who are boundlessly faithful to the Party and the Leader and developed in an all-round way, the reporter declared.

According to the report, the Government of the Republic sent last year, too, educational aid funds amounting to 1,001,037,000 yen in Japanese currency for the development of democratic, national education of the sons and daughters of compatriots in Japan. The educational aid funds remitted to the compatriots in Japan up to the end of last year reached a total of 6,318,402,000 yen.

Last year also huge state funds were allotted to the field of public health and arrangements were made so that the working people may enjoy the benefit of universal free medical service all the more. The reporter pointed out that along with this, 1.2 times as much funds as in 1966 were outlayed to build up the kindergartens and creches in a better way and improve their work.

The reporter continued:

The working people of our country received last year a large amount of additional benefit thanks to new state measures for the improvement of the people's living.

The Government of the Republic took last year the radical measure of increasing by an average of 40 per cent the salary of the teachers in the field of common education, who are in charge of the education of the rising generation.

All these successes made last year in carrying on economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel and improving the people's living were attributable solely to the wise and outstanding leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung who embodied the great ideas of *Juche* in all fields of the revolution and construction, continuously led our people to victory along the revolutionary line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence and brought about a new great revolutionary upsurge on all fronts of socialist construction.

Then the reporter pointed in detail to the fact that the new war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique have entered an open stage and are coming further to the zenith with each passing day and that they are intensifying fascistization of the South Korean society on an unprecedented scale.

Saying that the criminal intrigues of the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique for new war preparation and suppression of the people are clearly shown in the budget of the South Korean puppet government, he noted:

The Pak Jung Hi clique who are tailing after the new war provocation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists are machinating to introduce more military equipment and expand the police fascist suppressive machinery on a large scale and plan to squander more than 75 per cent of this year's budget in this.

The greater portion of the remaining meagre part of the budgetary expenditure is concentrated on expanding the railways, roads, harbours, communication equipment, etc. for the military purposes and a paltry amount accounting for one

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per cent of the total amount of financial investment and accommodation is earmarked as fund for medium and small enterprises, holding 98 per cent of the enterprises in South Korea.

The reporter dwelt on the fact that the Pak Jung Hi clique unprecedentedly increased the budgetary expenses for war preparation and the suppression of people like this, and are launching a murderous tax collection campaign to squeeze them.

He pointed out that the tax burdens on the South Korean people have increased this year as many as 1.5 times compared with last year and the proportion of taxes in the budgetary revenue of the puppet government went up to 78 per cent from 71 per cent last year.

The reporter branded the budget of the Pak Jung Hi clique which is aimed at the militarization of economy and extortion of the people and drives the people's livelihood into horrible famine and poverty under the military fascist rule as an appendage to the military budget of the U.S. imperialists for the provocation of a new war and an out-and-out anti-popular, predatory country-selling budget of traitors.

Noting that today the South Korean people who have risen up vigorously in the anti-U.S., national salvation struggle are waging all forms of struggle including the armed guerrilla struggle, the reporter said:

Today the revolutionaries and patriotic people of South Korea see the road of their freedom and liberation in the strategy of the South Korean revolution and line of the unification of the fatherland mapped out by the Leader, looking up to the northern half of the Republic daily prospering and developing under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who always leads our people to victory and glory, happiness and prosperity, as the beacon of hope.

Thanks to the grandiose struggle the entire people of North and South Korea are waging strenuously under the banner of anti-U.S., national salvation upheld by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader, the historic cause of the liberation of the South Korea and the unification of the fatherland will certainly be accomplished in our generation and the ardent aspiration of the South Korean people to lead a proud and happy life in the bosom of the respected and beloved Leader be certainly materialized.

Reporting on the 1968 state budget, Minister of Finance said that this year's budget was drawn up in such a way as to make it possible to carry out on a large scale economic construction and defence upbuilding and, at the same time, further improve the people's livelihood by mobilizing to the maximum the reserves for increased production and economization relying on the surging revolutionary enthusiasm of the working masses to make continued innovation and continued advance and the tremendous potential of the independent national economy which has already been built, so as to thoroughly implement the strategic line put forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung at the historic Party Conference and in the great 10-point Political Programme.

Saying that with the further rise of the great revolutionary upswing in all domains of socialist construction the industrial output this year will rapidly grow by over 24 per cent, the reporter remarked: Reflecting such leaping progress of the people's economy the total state budgetary revenue and budgetary expenditure is set at 5,234,400,000 won each.

According to the report, the state budgetary revenue is to increase this year by 28 per cent over last year.

The accumulation of currency in the people's economy will grow 1.3 times as against last year and the proportion of income from the socialist economy in the state budgetary revenue will reach 98.2 per cent.

The reporter stressed: All the financial demands of the State for carrying on economic construction and defence upbuilding and for the betterment of the people's living are satisfactorily met by almost entirely the inner accumulation of the socialist economy, while steadily cutting down even the negligible tax burden on the working people. Herein lies the incomparable superiority of the socialist system of our country and finance of our country based on it.

The reporter went on:

Based on the sharply increasing state budgetary revenue, the state budgetary expenditure will grow this year 33 per cent as against last year.

In order to ensure the high tempo of expanded reproduction and further expand and consolidate the foundations of the independent national economy, huge funds, 26 per cent more than last year's, are earmarked in the state budget for this year for the development of the people's economy. Especially, a 50 per cent increase over last year is envisaged in the amount of funds for capital construction.

The total scale of investments for capital construction envisaged in this year's people's economy plan is 2.2 times that of 1964 and the total amount of investments in capital construction last year and this year is colossal, surpassing by far the total amount of investments in the first four years of the 7-Year Plan.

Such sharp growth of investments in capital construction of the people's economy, which reflects the new great upswing of socialist construction constitutes a reliable guarantee in making it possible to put into effect with credit the grandiose programme of the 7-Year Plan in a short span of time and turn our country into a developed socialist industrial state even under the condition of decisively increasing the defence potential in view of the obtaining situation.

According to the report, capital construction investments in power and mining industries are to grow 1.6 times as against last year.

As a result, the power bases of our country will be consolidated all the more and the output of electricity will grow more than 1.1 times compared with last year.

And the coal output will increase 1.2 fold and the output of various mineral ores will likewise grow markedly.

Two point six times as much investments as last year will be made this year in capital construction in the metallurgical industry, with the result that our metallurgical bases will be consolidated all the more solidly and their self-sustenance will be strengthened. Thus, the output of pig iron will grow 1.4 times and that of steel and rolled steel 1.3 times each as against last year and the output of various non-ferrous metallurgical products will show a sharp rise.

It is envisaged in this year's state budget that 8.6 per cent of the investments in industrial construction will be directed to the machine-building industry for its rapid development.

With the further consolidation of the material and technical foundations of the machine-building industry this year a marked increase is expected over last year—1.2 times in machine tools, 1.8 times in electric motors, 1.3 times in automobiles, 1.2 times in tractors, 1.6 times in bulldozers, etc.—and modern machines and equipment needed for the factories and workshops to be built newly will be manufactured and supplied in a comprehensive way and precision machines and installations be also provided with success.

One point five times as much fund as last year will be allocated for capital construction in the chemical industry to ensure a rapid development of chemical industry with home raw materials.

This year the output of chemical fertilizers will go up 1.6 times.

The output of various kinds of chemical fibre and synthetic resin will augment 1.4 times.

Two point nine times as much investments as last year will be made this year in capital construction in the building-materials industry, with the result that the expansion and reinforcement of the existing building-materials factories will be combined with the construction of new ones, which will lead to 1.2-fold increase in cement output over last year and a sharp growth of the output of various kinds of other building materials.

The reporter stressed that this year, too, light industry will be speedily developed with the active support of the heavy industrial bases by pushing through the economic line of the Party on giving priority to the growth of heavy industry, while developing light industry and agriculture.

According to the report, this year 1.2 fold as much fund as last year is earmarked for capital construction in light industry.

And this year huge investments, 1.9 times as against last year, will be made in capital construction in the domain of transport.

The reporter further stressed: The Party and Government which have energetically pushed ahead with the socialist rural construction along the bright road illumined by Comrade Kim Il Sung's "Theses on the Socialist Agrarian Question in Our Country" will disburse this year, too, a large amount of fund, 1.5 times that of last year, to powerfully support the cooperative farmers.

Relying on the powerful heavy industry, the state will further consolidate the success in irrigation and especially provide the countryside with 5,500 tractors (in terms of 15 hp) and large quantities of other farm machines, 1.6 times as much chemical fertilizers as last year and a large amount of agricultural medicines, thereby making a great advance once again in mechanization, electrification and chemicalization of agriculture.

This year, too, the State will construct many production facilities for the co-op farms at state expense, supply them with various farm materials free of charge or at cheap price and build modern dwelling houses for 90,000 families in the countryside at state expense and provide them to the farmers this year alone.

This year, in the domain of rural economy, the work for developing stock-breeding will be pushed ahead energetically in accordance with the resolution of the 17th Plenum of the 4th Central Committee of the Party, while concentrating efforts on boosting grain production, the reporter said.

More than 20 modern and large-scale farms including pure breed farms, chicken meat farms, chicken egg farms and milk cow farms will be newly built and assorted feed factories will be also constructed for securing a solid feed base.

This year's state budget envisages 1,617,330,000 won, or 30.9 per cent of the total budgetary expenditure, in the direction of ensuring enough fund needed for further strengthening the national defence capacity according to the line put forth in the resolutions of the Party Conference and the great 10-point Political Programme put forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Saying that thus, the military line of the Party will be thoroughly implemented, the reporter stressed: If the U.S. imperialists dare unleash a reckless war, our heroic People's Army and the entire people, rallied rock-firm with one ideology and one will around Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people and ever-victorious, iron-willed, genius commander, will wipe the U.S. imperialist aggressors out of our territory once and for all and achieve the unification of the fatherland and the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution joining hands with the South Korean people.

Our Party and Government which take it as the supreme principle in their activity to promote the well-being of the people will outlay from the state budget 1.5 times as much social and cultural expenses as last year to fully meet the demands of the working people in their life and the portion of the social and cultural expenses in the state budget will increase this year to 19.3 per cent from 17.5 per cent last year.

According to the report, this year fund allocated to housing construction in the state budget will increase 2.3 times compared with 1967 and the fund to the construction of schools 1.8 times in comparison with last year.

Twentyfour per cent more expenses for educational work than last year are envisaged in the state budget for this year to ensure continously and successfully the nine-year universal compulsory technical education system which was introduced last year on the whole and further develop the training of technical personnel in line with the rapid tempo of the technical revolution.

For the democratic, national education of the sons and daughters of compatriots in Japan, the Party and Government plan to remit more than 1,000,000,000 yen in Japanese currency of educational aid funds and scholarship this year, part of which have already been sent.

The paternal solicitude of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Government of the Republic for the education of the sons and daughters of compatriots in Japan this year, too, will greatly inspire the just patriotic struggle of the 600,000 compatriots in Japan, who are resolutely fighting against the vicious machinations of the reactionary Sato clique of Japan to suppress and obliterate the democratic, national education, the reporter stressed.

According to the report, 1.1 times as much fund as last year will be invested this year for developing public health and further consolidating free medical service system.

Large state budgetary fund, 23 per cent more than last year's will be directed this year for expanding creches and kindergartens and fur-

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Japanese People Demand:

Scrap "Foreigners' School Bill" at Once

The strong movement of Korean citizens here for immediate withdrawal of the "Foreigners' School Bill" aimed at suppressing their independent national education are mounting day by day under the unanimous support of the world's good-minded people including broad sections of the Japanese people.

But, in defiance of the strong opposition of the public here and abroad, the Japanese Government on Apr. 26 finally referred the "bill" to the Education Committee of the Lower House.

Resented by this unjust act of the Japanese authorities, Korean citizens in Japan and broad sections of the Japanese people are firmly determined to further strengthen their struggle for the withdrawal of the "bill."

On Apr. 26, many members of prefectural, municipal and town assemblies and representatives of people in all walks of life in the Kanto districts, Hyogo, Kyoto, Okayama, Shizuoka and Aichi Prefectures came up to Tokyo, and strongly demanded immediate withdrawal of the "bill" to the Government authorities.

That day, Shodo Fukuoka, director of education affairs of the Kiyomizu Temple, Kan Hino, chief priest of the Higashihonganji Temple and other representatives in Kyoto met Government leaders and demanded immediate withdrawal of the "bill."

About 50 representatives of the Liaison Council for Defending the Rights to National Education and Repatriation of Koreans in Japan (which is composed of 77 political parties and social bodies of Japan) carried out street propaganda activities on the evening of Apr. 26, at Sukiyabashi, Tokyo, expressing burning indignation at the Japanese authorities bent on passing the "bill."

Japanese social bodies conducting a signature-collecting campaign against the "Foreigners' School Bill" at Sukiyabashi, Tokyo, on Apr. 26

On Apr. 27, representing 300 professors at 13 universities in Kyushu, Tadashi Hirai, professor of Seinan Gakuen University; Hideo Funakoshi, professor at Fukuoka Education University and others, came up to Tokyo and lodged a strong protest with the Japanese Government against its manoeuvres to pass the "Foreigners' School Bill."

A meeting of people of Hiroshima Prefecture to prevent the institution of the "Foreigners' School Bill" was held on the evening of Apr. 27 at the Hatchobori YMCA Hall with the participation of over 150 responsible persons.

The meeting decided to send protest notes to the Government and adopted a resolution calling for increased protest movements in various districts.

Over 260 Japanese local assemblies comprising half of the total Japanese population, about 6,000 political parties and social bodies, and over 30,000 noted scholars and men of culture are demanding that the Government withdraw the "Foreigners' School Bill."

Koreans Here Fete May Day

On May Day, the international holiday of working people, about 3,000 Korean citizens in Tokyo held at the Hibiya Public Hall, Tokyo, a Central Meeting of Korean Citizens in Japan to Commemorate May Day and to Denounce the New War Provocative Manoeuvres of U.S. Imperialism and the Pak Jung Hi Clique.

That day, all the faces of the participants beamed with boundless respect and adoration for Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who had given them the honour of being citizens of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a powerful socialist state called the "country of heroes" and the "land of Chullima."

At the meeting, all the participants were filled with firm determination to resolutely oppose the new war preparation manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique which are being intensified in Korea day by day, and to struggle as one to promote the independent unification of the fatherland and fight to the last for defence of their democratic, national rights, including the rights to national education and repatriation, by repulsing all the suppressive manoeuvres of reactionaries here and abroad.

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ther improving the work of nursing and education of babies and children.

Recalling the words of Comrade Kim Il Sung that **"All this is striking evidence of the tremendous concern of our Party and State for the welfare of the working people; it can be described as shoots of communism sprouting and growing in our country,"** the reporter said:

Never in the thousands of years long history of our country have our people enjoyed such a happy and full-significant life as today, freed from the threat of unemployment, starvation and poverty, having no worry about food, clothing and housing and working together to their hearts' content.

This is the happiness and pride of our era, our people living under the fine socialist system provided by our Party headed by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the people, who has been devoting all his energies and showing deep, consistent solicitude only for the freedom and liberation of the people and for the affluent and cultured life of the people.

Quoting the words of Comrade Kim Il Sung that our state budget is the **"standard of the economic life of the State," "yardstick of the economic life of the State,"** the reporter said:

This year's state budget is a realistic budget which scientifically calculated the sources of the growth of production and the increase of financial revenue and, at the same time, an active and mobilizing budget reflecting the ever mounting great revolutionary upsurge of socialist construction.

This budget conforming to the present situation and the demand of revolution embodies the far-reaching ideas and lofty will of the Party and the Leader to bring earlier the great event of the unification of the fatherland, and, at the same time, successfully scale the height of the 7-Year Plan by decisively consolidating the economic foundations and defence capacity of our country, and reflects the firm determination of the entire people to advance in the saddle of Chullima in response to the call of the Leader.

The obtaining situation makes it incumbent upon us to hold fast to the line on stepping up economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel and carry it through more energetically.

The line on carrying on economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, clarified by Comrade Kim Il Sung embodies the steadfast stand of *Juche* of our Party to carry out the Korean revolution to the end by consolidating to the maximum our self-supporting economic power and self-defensive defence potentials and reflects the resolute anti-imperialist stand of our Party to actively counter the aggressive machinations of the imperialists at all times, oppose the U.S. imperialist aggression and accomplish the cause of the unification of the fatherland.

Bearing in mind the profound ideas and deep will of the Leader reflected in the line of our Party on stepping up economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, we must actively struggle to thoroughly embody it by raising higher the flames of the new great revolutionary upswing.

Today the working people of our country are developing the people's economy at a very high tempo as at the time of the great upsurge 10 years ago when the grand Chullima movement first came into being.

As Comrade Kim Il Sung taught, the higher the level of consciousness and voluntary enthusiasm of the working people is brought by pushing ahead the ideological revolution and the firmer the economic foundations of the country are consolidated by carrying out the technical revolution, the greater reserves will grow, and accordingly, it is the law of socialist economy to advance without interruption and develop without interruption at a high tempo.

We must continuously advance, advance, struggle and advance by wiping out conservatism, passivism and all that is backward and stagnant, which hamper our advance, in all fields of the people's economy and mobilizing the surging revolutionary zeal and creative activeness of the masses.

In order to successfully carry out such tasks confronting us, the system of the unitary ideology of our Party should be firmly established, first of all, among the entire functionaries and working people.

There can be no other ideas than the unitary ideology of the Party, the great revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, for us. Nothing is more important for us than arming ourselves with the ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung and carrying through the line and policy of our Party, the embodiment of his ideas.

After all, we can successfully execute the people's economy plan and the state budget for this year give further impetus to the great revolutionary upswing of socialist construction only by firmly establishing the system of the unitary ideology of the Party and thoroughly implementing the instructions of the Leader and the policy of the Party.

The reporter referred in detail to the necessity of strengthening the education in the revolutionary traditions and, at the same time, the education in socialist patriotism, waging more energetically the Chullima Work-Team Movement, implementing more thoroughly the entirely new, revolutionary, most superior and scientific Daian Work System in all spheres of the people's economy and waging vigorously the struggle for the maximum increased production and economization by fully mobilizing reserves in all units.

He also touched upon the question of improving the work method and style of the functionaries.

In the last part of his report, he declared that our people would continuously make all efforts to assist the fighting heroic brothers of Vietnam.

The reporter said in conclusion:

Our heroic working class and the entire working people are energetically carrying on the new militant tasks with heightened conviction and are raising higher the flames of the increased production struggle with the determination to fulfill this year's plan before the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Republic.

The huge tasks for this year will be carried out with success thanks to the inexhaustible energies of our working people who are dashing forward like a gust of wind, wholeheartedly responding to the call of the Leader, in the spirit of pulling down even a big mountain and stemming even the sea, and thus the stamina of heroic Korea, Chullima Korea, will be powerfully demonstrated once again all over the world.

When our people advance under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the revolution, and along the road indicated by him we will surely emerge victorious at all times, surmounting any difficulties and trials.

269th MAC Meeting Held

U.S. War Provocations Exposed, Condemned

KAESONG, May 2 (KCNA) —The 269th Meeting of the Military Armistice Commission is now being held in Panmunjom at the proposal of our side.

According to the statement of Maj. Gen. Pak Joong Kook, senior member of our side, at the meeting, on Apr. 29, in less than two days after the 268th Meeting of the Military Armistice Commission, the U. S. imperialist aggressors again mobilized scores of armed rascals to commit a large-scale, vicious armed attack against our side in the eastern sector of the front under cover of artillery fire.

At around 17 hours that day, the U.S. imperialist aggressors mobilized 45 bandits armed with light machineguns and various other automatic weapons and attacked all at once on the area near Komisung-*ri*, portion of our side in the DMZ, firing over 40 shells from 105 mm howitzers and more than 2,000 bullets from various automatic weapons.

Countering the organized and large-scale armed attack of the U.S. imperialist aggressors, sentinels of our People's Army delivered a powerful retaliatory blow instantly to the armed bandits, killing and wounding many murderous villains, and smashed the reckless attack of the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

Again at zero hour 25 minutes on Apr. 30, the day after their heinous, murderous attack was frustrated, the U.S. imperialist aggressors perpetrated a new hostile provocation, firing scores of shells from 106.7 mm trench mortars into the above-mentioned area of our side.

Earlier, at around 20 hours 20 minutes on Apr. 26, the U.S. imperialist aggressors secretly infiltrated their armed rascals into the portion of our side in the DMZ in the western sector of the front and attempted an armed raid on personnel of our side.

But Choi Ki Hwan, Kim Keun Soo and Kim Yang Ryong, murderous villains infiltrated by the enemy, were all arrested by highly vigilant sentinels of our People's Army before carrying out their duty given by the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors are committing almost every day the hostile acts of artillery and gun firing at our side along the Military Demarcation Line. Between Apr. 22 and 30 alone, the U.S. imperialist aggressors committed the hostile act of firing more than 2,000 shells and bullets from 106.7 mm trench mortars and various other heavy and automatic weapons at our side on 40 occasions.

The military provocations of the U.S. imperialist aggressors against our side are unending on the sea, too.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors perpetrated the provocative acts of dispatching into the coastal waters of our side in the East Sea altogether 380 boats including boats, spy ships and fishing boats, on 80 occasions between Apr. 23 and May 1.

All these facts clearly show that the U.S. imperialist aggressors are the criminal wantonly wrecking and violating the Armistice Agreement and the war-maniac persistently scheming to ignite a new aggressive war in Korea, declared Maj. Gen. Pak Joong Kook.

Noting that an extremely acute situation in which a war may break out again at any moment has been created in our country owing to the reckless military provocations of the U.S. imperialists and their frantic maneuvers for new war provocation, Maj. Gen. Pak Joong Kook stressed: If the U.S. imperialist aggressors continue to cling to armed provocations and act of war ignition against our side as at present, not putting an end to the new war provocation maneuvers, it will only result in wrecking and trampling underfoot the Korean armistice and unleashing a war.

Maj. Gen. Pak Joong Kook strongly demanded the enemy side apologize to our side for its criminal acts.

Danger of New War Daily Mounting in Korea

Now, the U.S. imperialists are madly trying to provoke a new aggressive war in Korea, while clamouring noisily about treacherous "Vietnam peace negotiations."

Increasing reckless military provocations in the DMZ area against the northern half of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the U.S. imperialists summoned Pak Jung Hi to Honolulu, Hawaii, to discuss their aggressive war plan in Korea, thereby raising their new war provocative machinations to a more serious stage.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, said, **"All the recent developments show that a war may be waged again at any moment in our country by U.S. imperialism."**

The validity of this statement is easily vindicated by an armed attack on the DPRK side by the U.S. imperialists.

At around 5 am on Apr. 29, 45 U.S. imperialist aggressive troops armed with machineguns and other automatic weapons mounted a reckless attack on the area around Komisung-*ri* of the DPRK in the DMZ, firing over 40 rounds of ammunition from 105 mm howitzers and more than 2,000 rounds of ammunition from various automatic weapons.

This attack is merely a part of the undisguised and open attacks daily committed by the U.S. imperialists against the DPRK side in a bid to provoke a new war in Korea.

For example, during the first three months of this year, the U.S. imperialists perpetrated more than 2,000 vicious military provocations in flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement and introduced a large number of heavy firearms and light weapons into the DMZ on more than 400 occasions, while firing 39,860 shells and bullets into the DPRK side across the DMZ on 398 occasions.

These facts clearly show that the DMZ has been turned into a battleground and that a highly tense situation is now prevailing in Korea, so that a U.S. imperialist war of aggression may be launched at any moment.

The visit of Johnson to Seoul in October 1966 marked a turning point in the new war machinations of the U.S. imperialists in Korea. Alleging that the "Pueblo" incident was an "act of aggression by North Korea," the U.S. imperialists have sharply intensified their military provocations against the northern half of the DPRK in a desperate attempt to impose a new war on the Korean people.

Immediately after the "Pueblo" incident, the U.S. imperialist troops in South Korea were boosted by 12,000. Under the absurd pretext of "countering aggression from the North," the U.S. imperialists called 14,787 of their aggressive reservists to active duty on Jan. 24 and 65,000 again on Apr. 1.

The "3rd Task Force" was organized with the main force of the 7th Fleet as its core and deployed in Korean waters for a possible attack on the northern half of the DPRK. The "Forward Command" of the Fifth U.S. Air Force was moved to Osan, South Korea, on Mar. 18. Reinforcements of jet fighter-bombers flew into South Korea to increase the air power of South Korea.

For the first time in the 20 years of their occupation of South Korea, U.S. imperialism set up two armoured brigades in the area between the central and eastern sectors of the DMZ on Apr. 4. In order to make possible instant long-distance communication between the U.S. forces in South Korea and the U.S. mainland and major U.S. military bases on foreign soil, the U.S. imperialists set up a strategic satellite communication center in the Ryongsan headquarters, Seoul, South Korea.

Furthermore, helicopter units originally intended for South Vietnam are now to be diverted to South Korea and about 200 jet fighter-bombers including F 102s, F 105s, F 506s and F 4s will be soon deployed in South Korea for a full-scale confrontation with the DPRK.

On the other hand, the Pak Jung Hi clique announced the extension of the military service of the puppet army for six months to three years and on Mar. 28 established the 2,200,000-man puppet reserve force as a major move toward full national mobilization, geared to the war-time footing of the puppet army.

On Mar. 16, the Pak Jung Hi clique, on U.S. orders, sent to the 15 allies in the Korean War and Japan, letters asking for their active cooperation in case they ignite a new war of aggression in Korea, with a vicious view to justifying and expanding their possible aggressive war against the northern half of the Republic.

As if to demonstrate their determination to launch an aggressive war against the DPRK by all means, mutual visits of top-ranking U.S. imperialist military officials and puppet army leaders have become frequent.

The Mar. 11 visit to Seoul of presidential envoy Cyrus Vance was immediately followed by a visit of Grant U. Sharp, Commander of the U.S. Forces Pacific, a series of secret meetings between Bonesteel, Commander of the "U.N. forces" and the U.S. forces in South Korea, and Chairman of the puppet Joint Chiefs of Staff, a visit to Seoul of a delegation led by a special member of the Senate Military Affairs Committee's Special Committee for Investigation of Combat Posture and so on.

The war preparations of the U.S. imperialists culminated in the "Honolulu talks" of Apr. 17 between warmonger Johnson and Pak Jung Hi.

The main subjects of the talks were Korea and Vietnam, testifying to the malicious intention of the U.S. imperialists to find a solution to their crisis in provocation of a new war in Korea and expand the war flames from Vietnam to Korea.

The joint communique of the talks tried to justify their aggressive acts against the DPRK and shift their reponsibility for the tense situation in Korea on to the DPRK side: the statement said that the "aggressive acts of North Korea is seriously endangering the security of South Korea and peace of the Far East."

The statement also laid bare the vicious intention of the U.S. imperialists to go ahead with their new war provocations in Korea, saying that "Both Presidents will instantaneously decide on action against aggression from the North and that the U.S. will "give appropriate assistance to South Korea."

Noteworthy is the reaffirmation of the joint statement of policy signed by 15 countries on Jul. 27, 1953. According to the joint statement, if there should be a "challenge to the principles of the U.N." combat action will not be confined to the borders of the "ROK." This means that the U.S. imperialists are scheming to abuse the name of the U.N. in prosecuting another aggressive war against the Korean people.

All the facts show that the U.S. imperialists are making last-ditch efforts to unleash a new war in Korea despite the resolute opposition of the Korean people and world public opinion, in their desperate attempt to find a way out from their grievous setbacks in the Vietnamese war.

The U.S. imperialists must remember that the Korean War marked the beginning of their decline which is now further worsening.

If the U.S. imperialists dare pounce upon the Korean people, it will mean corpses and death for them.

The Korean people under the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, are fully prepared to counter and smash any aggression of the U.S. imperialists and wipe the aggressors off the surface of the earth and accomplish the unification of the fatherland.

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